Subsidence of Lands in Jharia Region of Bihar

2020. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the lands in the entire Jharia region of Bihar have been constantly subsiding;

(b) if so, what efforts have been made by Government to arrest the subsidence and the outcome so far; and

(c) whether Government have taken steps to warn the inhabitants about the possible danger of subsidence as well as to assist them to shift to an alternative place; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) No, Sir. The lands in the entire Jharia region of Bihar are not constantly subsiding. However, subsidence normally takes place where coal is extracted by caving method, which is adopted in extracting coal from underneath areas free from surface features like dwellings, rivers, tanks, Railway line etc.

(b) Efforts are made to avoid subsidence by partial or no extraction of coal from areas which have surface features. At places sand is also filled in the voids caused due to extraction of coal to control subsidence. Appropriate protective measures are taken in places likely to be affected by subsidence, as listed under:

(i) Vacating or dismantling the surface structures;

(ii) Diversion of road, railway line etc.,

(iii) Keeping the unstable workings under observation by measuring surface movements.

(c) Yes, Sir. Steps have been taken to warn the inhabitants about danger of subsidence and where necessary, assistance is being provided to them to shift to alternative places.

Primary Health Centres and Hospitals in Rural Areas of Delhi

2021. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 673 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th May, 1990 and state:

(a) what is the number of primary health centres and 100-bedded hospitals in the rural areas of Delhi at present;

(b) whether the functioning of dispensaries in the rural areas is being monitored from time to time; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) There are eight Primary Health Centres, one 100-bedded Hospital and ninety-six dispensaries functioning in rural area of Delhi.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The functioning of dispensaries is monitored by visits of Senior and Middle level Officers. Their periodical reports and returns are monitored by evaluation cells/units located in Directorate of Health Services and Municipal Corporation of Delhi.

Bungling in Recruitment in D.V.C.

2022. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints about bungling in the recruitment of Labour Inspectors and Management Trainees (Personnel and Administration) by the Damodar Valley Corporation authorities;

(b) the dates on which the examination and interview for their recruitment were held and the minimum qualification prescribed for each post;

(c) the number of candidates who were appointed despite their having lower than prescribed qualifications; and

(d) what steps have been taken to provide jobs to the candidates who were selected and were put on the panel and had the required qualifications?